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REMARKS

Amendments to claims 29 and 42 are for the purpose of clarifying what Applicants regard as the invention. No new matter has been added.


Claims 2-4, 9, 29-37, and 40-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,980,554 (Lenker). Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for her courtesy in conducting the telephonic interview on June 1, 2005. As discussed with the Examiner, it is believed that the above amendments to claims 29 and 42 would overcome the rejection based on Lenker. For at least the foregoing reason, claims 29 and 42, and their respective dependent claims, are believed allowable over Lenker.

Based on the foregoing, all remaining claims are believed allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If, the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, please contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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